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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Election

In response to the restriction requirement dated March 1, 2007, the Applicant elects species identified by the Examiner as Group I, that is, claims 1 to 20 and 31 to 40. In light of this election, the enclosed amendments withdraw claims 21 to 30.

Having elected claims 1 to 20 and 31 to 40, we trust that Examination on the merits can proceed.

Specification

At page 1, line 1, the first paragraph has been deleted and replaced by a paragraph entitled "Cross-References to related applications". A replacement oath/declaration is also enclosed.

The Applicant has amended page 1 of the specification by deleting the paragraph entitled "Referenced patent applications" and replacing it with a new updated paragraph. The US application numbers have merely been replaced by their corresponding US grant numbers, where applicable. The Applicant submits that these amendments introduce no new matter.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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